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SUBJ: DAKAR CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES: POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

REFS: (A) DAKAR 867 (B) USUN 641

1. WE NOTE THAT "POLITICAL" RESES ADOPTED BY DAKAR
CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE ON VIET
NAM, CAMBODIA, AND PUERTO RICO, ARE IN VARYING DEGREE
INIMICAL TO US INTERESTS. WE RECALL THAT AFTER ALGIERS
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE ADOPTED SIMILAR RESES, RADICAL
NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS INSISTED AT SUBSEQUENT UNGA SESSIONS
THAT POSITIONS CONTAINED IN THESE RESES WERE TOUCHSTONES
OF NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY. CONSEQUENTLY AT LAST TWO
UNGA SESSIONS WE ENCOUNTERED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN
WINNING SUPPORT OF SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES FOR FRIENDLY
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KOREAN AND KHMER RESES.

2. USUN HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SOME PARTICIPANTS IN DAKAR CONFERENCE THAT POLITICAL RESES WERE TABLED AT ELEVENTH HOUR MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR PARTICIPANTS TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON THEM. THERE APPARENTLY WAS LITTLE OR NO FLOOR DEBATE. MANY OF THE RESPONSIBLE, HIGH LEVEL MEMBER DELEGATIONS WERE PREPARING TO DEPART OR HAD ALREADY LEFT DAKAR.

3. SINCE MANY OF THE RESES DEALT WITH ASIAN QUESTIONS, USUN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THE REASONS BEHIND THE DECISION NOT TO INVITE THE PRC AS A PARTICIPANT, OBSERVER OR SPECIAL GUEST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO ASCERTAIN MANNER IN WHICH THE POLITICAL RESES ADOPTED BY DAKAR CONFERENCE AND WHETHER ANY OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS SPOKE OUT AGAINST THEM.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT PUERTO RICAN RES, WHICH STIGMATIZES US AS "COLONIALIST", REPRESENTS CLEAR INTERVENTION IN US INTERNAL AFFAIRS. BEFORE PUERTO RICAN RES GAINS ACCEPTANCE AS NONALIGNED GOSPEL, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT CONSIDER RAISING ISSUE IN STRONG TERMS IN APPROPRIATE NONALIGNED CAPITALS, INCLUDING DAKAR.
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